CULTURE

By the time you receive this issue of the Seed Pod you will be too late to start hardening your plants. If we have a hard freeze and your plants are in full growth about all you can do is hope.

In the more colder portions of the state the plant should have a bank built up to a point above the graft. Most of the banking is done with soil but some people have used straw, leaves or other material for the purpose. Whatever you use should not be packed down until it becomes wet and soggy.

Leave the bank up until all danger of freezing is past. On frosty mornings it is a good idea to get up early and wash off the frost before the sun hits it. You may shiver a little but it will be worth it in plants saved.

In case of a freeze don't be in too big a hurry to prune your plant. The thinking now is to leave the old wood on the plant until the plant starts to grow again. Often twigs will sprout that you thought were dead. The sap will NOT sour and kill the plant.

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CULTURE (Cont'd)

When Spring arrives do your heavy pruning and shaping. Start your nitrogen fertilizer program to get new growth. Remember that the bloom of Hibiscus forms on this new growth. After you have the plant shaped the way you want it only prune to keep it the shape you want it. Pinch once in a while but don't prune all the show bloom off.

It would be a good idea to stop by the nurseryman in your area and talk over the things to do to your Hibiscus for the winter. He will know the local area and can advise you on what can be done. If you do have a plant frozen, just remember that for a couple of bucks you can replace it with another, maybe one better than you had before.

A happy Hibiscus to you.

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